

Waterfowl Survey for the week of

October 2, 2008

Survey Areas	Ducks				Geese		
	Total	Mallards	Other Dabblers	Divers	Total	Dark	Light
Spirit Lake Areas	300	30%	70%	0%	4000	100%	0%
Ruthven Areas	1600	27%	73%	0%	900	100%	0%
Ingham Areas	1000	27%	73%	0%	3900	100%	0%
Black Hawk Lake	500	24%	76%	0%	100	100%	0%
Bays Branch Areas	No Report - For information contact (641) 332-2019						
Rice Lake Areas	1000	39%	61%	0%	3100	100%	0%
Big Marsh	500	35%	65%	0%	800	100%	0%
Sweet Marsh	200	20%	80%	0%	700	99%	1%
Green Island	800	27%	73%	0%	1000	100%	0%
Princeton	100	0%	100%	0%	100	100%	0%
Lake Odessa Areas	4100	23%	77%	0%	1500	100%	0%
Coralville Areas	800	36%	64%	0%	300	99%	1%
Otter Creek	500	22%	78%	0%	200	100%	0%
Saylorville Areas	1100	9%	91%	0%	300	100%	0%
Red Rock	600	17%	83%	0%	500	100%	0%
Rathbun Areas	2200	23%	77%	0%	1400	100%	0%
Lake Icaria	0				400	100%	0%
Union County Areas	100	100%	0%	0%	500	100%	0%
Lake Sugema	No Report - For information contact (641) 682-3552						
Missouri River Oxbows	200	33%	67%	0%	1400	100%	0%
Riverton/Forney	6200	7%	89%	4%	100	100%	0%
Total	21000	20%	79%	1%	20500	100%	0%

Weather and migrations during the survey period:

The week started with unseasonably warm weather for the goose opener. A cold front moved into northwest Iowa Sunday afternoon, bringing thunderstorms and precipitation to the entire state by Monday morning. Dry weather and colder than normal temperatures dominated the state the remainder of the week. A warm up is predicted for this weekend's youth waterfowl opener. The end of September is the average first frost date for northern Iowa. With the 10 day forecast predicting warmer than normal weather, farmers should get the longer growing season they were hoping for to offset the planting delays that occurred as a result of spring rains.